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Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula

Letter dated 15 October 2007 from the Permanent Representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

We have the honour to request, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, that an item entitled "Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula" be included in the agenda of the sixty-second session of the General Assembly. We recommend that the matter be considered directly in the plenary meeting, during the main part of the sixty-second session.

Pursuant to rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, an explanatory memorandum (annex I) in support of the request and a draft resolution (annex II) are attached herewith.

We have the further honour to request that the present letter and its annexes be circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

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Annex I

Explanatory memorandum

1. The inter-Korean summit meeting held in Pyongyang from 2 to 4 October 2007 and the adoption of the Declaration on the Advancement of North-South Korean Relations, Peace and Prosperity represent a major milestone in improving inter-Korean relations, paving the way for common prosperity and eventual peaceful reunification, and resolving longstanding regional security concerns.

2. The current positive developments on the Korean peninsula will greatly contribute to international peace and security, in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

3. The President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General of the United Nations issued statements respectively welcoming the inter-Korean summit on 1 October 2007. A number of Member States have also expressed support for the inter-Korean summit and the Declaration.

4. Under the circumstances, a resolution adopted by the General Assembly in support of the inter-Korean Summit and the Declaration should greatly encourage the efforts to bring durable peace and reconciliation on the Korean peninsula and also contribute to peace and stability in the rest of the world. In relation to the inter-Korean Summit of June 2000, the General Assembly adopted resolution 55/11 of 31 October 2000, in which it welcomed and supported that summit and its joint Declaration.

5. In this context, we have agreed to jointly request the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula" in the agenda of the sixty-second session of the General Assembly and to submit a draft resolution welcoming and supporting the inter-Korean summit and the Declaration and encouraging its full implementation. In view of the nature of the item, it is requested that the item be considered in plenary meeting.

Annex II

Draft resolution

Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/11 of 31 October 2000, in which it welcomed and supported the inter-Korean summit and the joint declaration of 15 June 2000 by the two leaders of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea,

Reaffirming the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations regarding the maintenance of international peace and security,

Convinced that inter-Korean dialogue and cooperation are essential for consolidating peace and security on the Korean peninsula and also contribute to peace and stability in the region and beyond, in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter,

Recognizing that the summit meeting held in Pyongyang from 2 to 4 October 2007 between the two leaders of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea and their Declaration on the Advancement of North-South Korean Relations, Peace and Prosperity represent a major milestone in improving inter-Korean relations and in advancing peace and common prosperity on the Korean peninsula and in the wider region as well,

Recalling the statements welcoming the inter-Korean summit made on 1 October 2007 by the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General, and also the statement welcoming the adoption of the declaration made on 4 October 2007 by the Secretary-General,

1. *Welcomes and supports* the inter-Korean summit and the declaration adopted on 4 October 2007 by the two leaders of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea;

2. *Encourages* the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea to implement the declaration fully and in good faith, thereby consolidating peace on the Korean peninsula and laying a solid foundation for peaceful reunification;

3. *Invites* Member States to continue to support and assist, as appropriate, the process of inter-Korean dialogue, reconciliation and reunification so that it may contribute to peace and security not only on the Korean peninsula but also in north-east Asia and the world as a whole.